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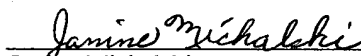
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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application contains subject matter that may be related to the present application.

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PART III: Remarks

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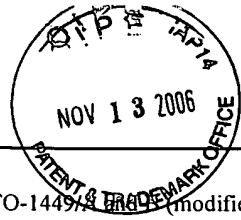
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